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DUTCH RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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1. CONFIRMING POOLE/BAKER TELECON OCTOBER 30, FOLLOWING
ARE OUR COMMENTS ON REVISED DUTCH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS FOR USE IN YOUR FURTHER CON-
SULTATIONS. IN MAKING THESE COMMENTS WE APPRECIATE FACT
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THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION MAKES NO FINAL DECISIONS BUT SIMPLY

ASKS SYG IN CONSULTATION WITH ACC TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY ECOSOC. NEVERTHELESS WE SEE ROOM FOR BRINGING THE SUGGESTED LINES OF STUDY CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO THE MARK.

A. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE WORKING GROUP THAT THE GOAL OF THE EXERCISE IS BETTER CO-ORDINATION AMONG EXISTING UN BODIES AND NOT THE CREATION OF A NEW BODY. NEW OPERATIVE PARA 1(D) HELPS BY POINTING IN THIS DIRECTION.

B. WE STILL THINK THE RESOLUTION IS AMBIGUOUS AND UNCLEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE RANGE OF SITUATIONS IT ATTEMPTS TO COVER. ARE THE DUTCH MOVING AWAY FROM ENCOMPASSING NATURAL DISASTERS (WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN THEIR ORIGINAL CRP PAPER - REF C), AS WE NOTE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE IN FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA, OR DO THEY STILL MEAN TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC SITUATIONS ARISING FROM ECONOMIC AND OTHER CAUSES INCLUDING NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTERS? IF LATTER IS THE CASE, WE THINK RESOLUTION SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT. IT SHOULD NOT SIMPLY BE LEFT TO THE SECRETARIAT, IN PROPOSING "GLOBAL CRITERIA" PER OPERATIVE PARA 1(A), TO DIVINE THE GENERAL INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION.

C. WITH RESPECT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED "GLOBAL CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS," WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS INTENDED TO MEAN CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH SITUATIONS EXIST RATHER THAN CRITERIA FOR DEALING WITH THEM. HENCE WE SUGGEST THIS BE EXPRESSED MORE CLEARLY.

D. IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE "STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR PERIODICALLY REPORTING RELEVANT INFORMATION THROUGH UNDP RES REPS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" (OPERATIVE PARA 1B), THIS (PERHAPS UNINTENTIONALLY) SOUNDS LIKE SOME SORT OF CERP REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR ALL RES REPS. IN THE INTEREST OF AVOIDING AN UNNECESSARY PAPER BURDEN, WE SUGGEST EITHER THAT IT BE CLEAR THAT SUCH REPORTING IS CALLED FOR ONLY FROM COUNTRIES WHERE AN EMERGENCY MIGHT CONCEIVABLY DEVELOP OR THAT THE FINER POINTS BE LEFT TO THE SYG'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDATION. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED BY OMITTING THE WORDS "STANDARD" AND "PERIODICALLY" AND/OR BY ADDING A QUALIFIER SUCH AS "PERTINENT" TO "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." (SYG WOULD PRESUMABLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHATEVER REGULAR OR OCCASIONAL REPORTING IS ALREADY REQUIRED OF RES REPS, AS WELL AS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH REPORTS PERTAINING TO MSA STATUS THAT WERE REQUESTED FOLLOWING 6TH SPECIAL SESSION.)

E. WE STILL HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT POSSIBLE PROCEDURES FOR ECOSOC PROCLAMATIONS OF "ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND STRUCTURAL (SIC)" EMERGENCIES (OPERATIVE PARA 1C) WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME CONSIDERING VERY CAREFULLY WHAT THIS PURPOSES - IE., IS IT INTENDED SIMPLY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO AN EMERGENCY OR IS IT INTENDED TO PUSH AUTOMATIC BUTTONS WITH RESPECT TO THE LEVELS, TYPES AND TERMS OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE UN SYSTEM AND TO SIMILARLY INFLUENCE MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL ASSISTANCE? DOES THIS IMPLY ANOTHER CATEGORY IN ADDITION TO - AND OVERLAPPING - MSAS AND LEAST DEVELOPED?

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F. THE STEPS CONTEMPLATED IN OPERATIVE PARAS 1 (B) AND (C) WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE CONCERTING WITH THE COUNTRY CONCERNED.

G. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH REVISED PREAMBULAR PARA 6.

2. IF THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE U.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP SHOULD AGAIN ARISE (REF B), WE PREFER TO DEFER A DECISION PENDING FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE DRAFT. WE WOULD ALSO NEED TO KNOW POSITIONS OF OTHER KEY WEOS. KISSINGER

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